

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this patent application:

Claims 1-16 and 27-30 are hereby cancelled without prejudice.

17. *(currently amended)* A composite which defines a front waist section, a rear waist section, and an intermediate section which interconnects said front and rear waist sections, each section having one or more regions, said ~~absorbent article~~ composite comprising:

a) a vapor permeable backsheet which defines a Water Vapor Transmission Rate (WVTR) of at least about 1000 grams per square meter per 24 hours calculated according to a Water Vapor Transmission Test as set forth herein;

b) a liquid permeable topsheet;

c) an absorbent body located between said backsheet and said topsheet; and

d) a surge management layer; and

e) at least one undulation of resilient material located between said backsheet and said topsheet.

18. *(original)* The composite of Claim 17, wherein the at least one undulation is of sufficient elevation to provide for the movement of a fluid away from a region of the composite.

19. *(original)* The composite of Claim 17, wherein the at least one undulation is a hill or slope of material which provides for the direction of fluid to one or more regions of the composite.

20. *(withdrawn)* The composite of Claim 17, wherein the absorbent is essentially absent from one or more regions of the composite.

21. *(currently amended)* The composite of Claim 17, wherein the intermediate section comprises, at least in part, a crotch region and wherein the resilient material is located in the crotch region of the ~~article~~ composite.

22. *(withdrawn)* The composite of Claim 17, wherein the absorbent is essentially absent from the crotch region of the composite.
23. *(original)* The composite of Claim 17, wherein the backsheet is comprised of a highly breathable laminate.
24. *(original)* The composite of Claim 23, wherein the highly breathable laminate is a film/nonwoven laminate.
25. *(original)* The composite of Claim 24, wherein the nonwoven is a spunbond.
26. *(original)* The composite of Claim 17, wherein the backsheet has a WVTR value of at least about 2,500 g/m²/24hr.
31. *(new)* The composite of Claim 17 wherein said at least one undulation is located between said surge management layer and said topsheet.
32. *(new)* The composite of Claim 17 wherein said at least one undulation does not readily absorb fluids.
33. *(new)* The composite of Claim 17 wherein said at least one undulation does not absorb fluids.
34. *(new)* The composite of Claim 21 wherein said at least one undulation provides for the direction of fluid away from the crotch region.
35. *(new)* The composite of Claim 17, wherein the at least one undulation is a hill, a mesa or a slope of material which provides for the direction of fluid to one or more regions of the composite.
36. *(new)* The composite of Claim 17, wherein the at least one undulation provides for the movement of a fluid away from a region of the composite in a longitudinal direction or a lateral direction.

37. (new) The composite of Claim 17, wherein the at least one undulation creates at least one hill-like structure.

38. (new) The composite of Claim 17 further comprising a vapor barrier and said vapor barrier is positioned between the absorbent body and the topsheet.

39. (new) The composite of Claim 17, wherein the resilient material comprises a foam-like material, elastomer, thermoplastic, open or closed cell foam, or plastic composites.

40. (new) A composite which defines a front waist section, a rear waist section, and an intermediate section which interconnects said front and rear waist sections, each section having one or more regions, said composite comprising:

- a) a vapor permeable backsheet;
- b) a liquid permeable topsheet;
- c) an absorbent body located between said backsheet and said topsheet; and
- d) at least one undulation of resilient material located between said backsheet

and said topsheet wherein said resilient material does not readily absorb fluids.

41. (new) The composite of Claim 40 wherein the intermediate section comprises, at least in part, a crotch region and the resilient material is located in the crotch region of the article and provides for the direction of fluid away from the crotch region.

42. (new) The composite of Claim 41, wherein the at least one undulation provides for the movement of a fluid away from the crotch region of the composite in a longitudinal direction or a lateral direction.

43. (new) The composite of Claim 17 further comprising a vapor barrier and said vapor barrier is positioned between the absorbent body and the topsheet.

44. (new) The composite of Claim 40, wherein the resilient material comprises a foam-like material, an elastomer, a thermoplastic, an open or closed cell foam, or a plastic composite.

45. (new) The composite of Claim 40 further comprising a surge management layer.

46. (new) A composite which defines a front waist section, a rear waist section, and an intermediate section which interconnects said front and rear waist sections, each section having one or more regions, said composite comprising:

- a) a vapor permeable backsheet;
- b) a liquid permeable topsheet;
- c) an absorbent body located between said backsheet and said topsheet; and
- d) at least one undulation of resilient material located between said backsheet and said topsheet wherein said resilient material provides for the movement of a fluid away from the intermediate section of the composite a longitudinal direction or a lateral direction.

47. (new) The composite of Claim 17 wherein said at least one undulation does not readily absorb fluids.

48. (new) The composite of Claim 40 wherein the intermediate section comprises, at least in part, a crotch region and the resilient material is located in the crotch region of the article and provides for the direction of fluid away from the crotch region.

49. (new) The composite of Claim 46 further comprising a surge management layer.

50. (new) The composite of Claim 46, wherein the resilient material comprises a foam-like material, an elastomer, a thermoplastic, an open or a closed cell foam, or a plastic composite.